(c) if so, what are the incentives offered to the private entrepreneurs in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The production of finished steel has been increasing during the last 2 years. In the years 1990-91 and 1991-92, the production of finished steel increased by 4% and 5%, respectively, as compared to the production during the previous years. The production of finished steel in 1992-93 is expected to be 16.12 million tonnes, an increase of 13.4% as compared to 1991-92.

(b) and (c) Government have taken a number of policy decisions to encourage private investment in the iron and steel industry:

(i) 'Iron and Steel' has been removed from the list of the industries reserved for the public sector and has also been exempted from the requirements of compulsory licensing under the industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. An industrial license is required only if the location of the proposed plant is within 25 Kms. of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census.

(ii) 'Iron and Steel' has been included in the list of high priority industries. Such industries have the facility for automatic approval of foreign investment in equity upto 51% provided the foreign equity covers the cost of import of capital goods.

(iii) Customs duty on imported steel melting scrap, the main raw material for mini steel plants in the secondary sector, has been reduced from 35% to 10%.

(iv) Control over pricing and distribution of Iron and Steel has been dispensed with.

(v) A set of "Guidelines for Entrepreneurs in Iron and Steel Industry" were issued in October, 1992. The Guidelines provide prospective entrepreneurs comprehensive information on the policy framework, demand projections, availability of essential raw materials, infrastructural facilities, possible locations, technological capabilities existing within the country, requirement of environmental clearances for Iron and Steel Projects, etc.

DDA Flats in Friends Colony

2948. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only 18 MIG flats of DDA existing in Friends Colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether the plaster of walls and window shades of these flats are peeling off badly thus causing great danger to the allottees;

(c) whether the residents had apprised their problems personally to the Chief-Secretary, New Delhi and also through representation in September 1991;

(d) if so, what action have been taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, these flats were handed over to the allottees by the DDA about seven years back and the subsequent maintenance of the flats is the responsibility of the allottees/ their associations.

(c) As reported by DDA no reference was made in the representation of the residents in September, 1991 regarding peeling off plaster from the walls and of window shades of these flats.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise in view of above.

Unauthorised Construction in Ashok Vihar, Delhi

2949. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation/complaint regarding unauthorised construction in the DDA Flats in Pocket 'A' Phase-III, Ashok Vihar Delhi, causing safety hazard and disturbances to other residents in the locality;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints as regards flats No. 19B, 19C and 31A have been received by the DDA. Lease cancellation letter in respect of flat No. 31A and final notices for lease cancellation as regards flats No. 19B and 19C have been issued.

National Seminar-Cum-Exhibition Organised by C.P.W.D.

2950. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Public Works Department has organised a National Seminar-cum-exhibition on new material in building industry in September 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite Government orders C.P.W.D. did not include fire safety equipment including fire protection doors and windows in the exhibition;

(c) whether Government would make it compulsory for all public premises to make use of fire protection doors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no Government orders to this effect. However, Fire safety equipment was also displayed in the exhibition.

(c) Fire protection doors are not included in the list of 12 mandatory Fire safety requirements under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Rules, 1986.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) of the question.

Sarai Jubira Cooperative House Building Society

2951. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has received complaints from some plot holders of Sarai Jubira Cooperative House Building Society Limited to the effect that Demand Notice were not issued in order to grant of extension of time for construction;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received since 1988; and

(c) what action has been taken on the complaints/representations of the allottees and against the concerned officers of the Delhi Development Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. There is no Cooperative House Building Society by the name of Sarai Jubira Cooperative House Building Society Ltd. in the records of DDA. However, there is a